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## **\*\* M E M O R A N D U M \*\***

**TO: ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FROM: COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON, CHAIR**

**DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2018**

**SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018 AT 1:30 P.M.**

THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE **HERITAGE CENTER, COMBINED ROOMS 5 & 6; LOCATED AT 105 NORTH 100 EAST; CEDAR CITY, UTAH.**

MATERIALS ARE ATTACHED TO ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING FOR THIS MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MATERIALS AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO THE AOG STAFF, C/O BRYAN D. THIRIOT. THIS WOULD ALLOW TIME TO RESEARCH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PRIOR TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

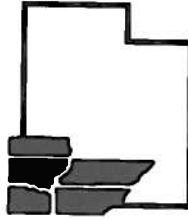
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN CEDAR CITY.

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ATTACHMENTS

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1:30 P.M.**

**HERITAGE CENTER, COMBINED ROOMS 5 & 6  
105 NORTH 100 EAST; CEDAR CITY, UTAH**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

- I. MINUTES AUGUST 8, 2018 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - REVIEW AND APPROVE**
- II. RURAL ONLINE INITIATIVE (ROI) - RUSSELL GOODRICH, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (USU) EXTENSION & MIKE SARLES, PANGUITCH PROGRAM COORDINATOR**
- III. CENSUS 2020 BRIEFING - SERGIO A. MARTINEZ, U.S. CENSUS BUREAU**
- IV. 2019 STEERING COMMITTEE CALENDAR**
- V. CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFING - NATURAL RESOURCE PROPOSAL - RUSSELL COWLEY, SIX COUNTY AOG & JODY GALE, USU EXTENSION SOUTHERN REGION**
- VI. CDBG HOW TO APPLY WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT - NATHAN WIBERG, ASSOCIATE PLANNER**
- VII. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - CAMERON FINDLAY, REGIONAL MANAGER GOED**
- VIII. STATE UPDATES**
- IX. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**
- X. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY AND DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATES**
- XI. LOCAL AFFAIRS**
  - A. AREA-WIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**
  - B. CIB APPLICATION REVIEWS**
  - C. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL APPROVALS**
  - D. CORRESPONDENCE**
  - E. DISCUSSION OF LOCAL ISSUES**
- XII. ADJOURN**

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 1:30 p.m., at the Five County Association of Governments' office in St. George.

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## **MINUTES**

### **FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING August 8, 2018 - 1:30 p.m. - Garfield County Courthouse Upstairs Conference Room, 55 South Main Street Panguitch, Utah**

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Commissioner Jim Matson, Chair  
Commissioner Mike Dalton  
Mayor Nolan Davis  
Carolyn White  
Commissioner Jerry Taylor  
Mayor Jeff Stock  
Frank Houston  
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff  
Mary Ann Kemp  
Mayor John Bramall  
Terry Hutchinson

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Representative Lowry Snow  
Courtney Brinkerhoff  
Adam Snow  
David Busk  
Jordan Katcher  
Marsha Holland  
Bryan Thiriot  
Gary Zabriskie  
Allison McCoy  
Nathan Wiberg

#### **REPRESENTING**

Kane County Commission Representative  
Beaver County Commission Representative  
Beaver County Mayor Representative  
Beaver County Schools Representative  
Garfield County Commission Representative  
Garfield County Mayor Representative  
Garfield County Schools Representative  
Iron County Commission Representative  
Iron County Schools Representative  
Washington Co. Mayor Representative  
Washington Co. Schools Representative

Utah State House of Representatives  
Senator Hatch's Office  
Congressman Stewart's Office  
Department of Workforce Services  
Permanent Community Impact Board  
Citizen  
Five County Association of Governments  
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#### **MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Mayor Maile Wilson-Edwards  
Mayor Robert Houston, Excused  
Lisa Livingston  
Commissioner Victor Iverson  
Frank Lojko  
Donna Law

Iron County Mayor Representative  
Kane County Mayor Representative  
Kane County Schools Representative  
Washington Co. Commission Representative  
Dixie State University  
Southern Utah University

Commissioner Jim Matson, Chair, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions were provided by those in attendance.

#### **I. MINUTES JUNE 13, 2018 STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING - REVIEW AND APPROVE**

Commissioner Jim Matson acknowledged that a quorum was present to conduct business, and presented minutes of the June 13, 2018 meeting for discussion and consideration of approval.

Mayor John Bramall provided corrections to the minutes as follows: Agenda Item # VII., page 4, first sentence to read, "Mayor John Bramall cited an example where the ~~National Park Service~~ Bureau of Land Management...." The third sentence to read, ".....completed on ~~State Route 17~~ State Route 7....", and the fifth sentence to read, "..... ~~Beaver County Law Enforcement~~ Beaver and Iron County Law Enforcement...."

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR JOHN BRAMALL, SECONDED BY MAYOR JEFF STOCK, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2018 MEETING WITH CORRECTIONS PROVIDED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

## **II. FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS - REVIEW AND RATIFICATION**

### **A. AUGUST 7, 2018 MEETING**

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reported that the Finance Committee meeting was held yesterday to discuss AOG representation on the Utah Association of Counties and Utah Permanent Community Impact boards and to consider a personnel action. The personnel action approves an hourly increase for Luis Escobar, part-time Community Action Data Specialist, from \$10.94 per hour to \$12.93 per hour. Mr. Thiriot asked for ratification of the personnel action as approved by the Finance Committee.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JERRY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MAYOR JOHN BRAMALL, TO APPROVE THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION FOR LUIS ESCOBAR AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

## **III. UTAH PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (CIB) REPRESENTATIVE - DISCUSS AND APPROVE**

Mr. Gary Zabriskie provided copies of the Utah Code outlining how the CIB board is formulated and what is necessary to replace a member on the Board. Commissioner Jim Matson was selected by the Steering Committee in 2016 to serve a full term as the Five County AOG representative through July 2020. However, he will no longer be serving as a commissioner for the remainder of the term beginning in January 2019. This necessitates selection of a new AOG representative by the Steering Committee to serve beginning in January for the remainder of the unexpired term of Commissioner Jim Matson. The back side of the handout contains a list of CIB Board members throughout the state as of June 2018. Mr. Zabriskie explained that the Board contains statutory positions as well as nominated positions, and he reviewed the current board composition. Traditionally, the AOG representative has been a county commissioner.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JERRY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER MIKE DALTON, BEAVER COUNTY, TO SERVE AS THE AOG REPRESENTATIVE ON THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON'S TERM THROUGH JULY 2020. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**IV. UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (UAC) REPRESENTATIVE IN 2019 - DISCUSS AND APPROVE**

Commissioner Jim Matson, Chair, entertained a motion for approval of Commissioner Jerry Taylor to serve as the AOG representative on the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) Board.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MIKE DALTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER JERRY TAYLOR TO SERVE AS THE NEW AOG REPRESENTATIVE ON THE UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES (UAC) BOARD. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Commissioner Jim Matson recognized Representative Lowry Snow and moved to Agenda Item # VII. State Updates to afford the opportunity for him to provide a legislative report.

**VII. STATE UPDATES**

Representative Lowry Snow provided a brief update on the Legislative Session and legislation passed that is good for the Five County region and rural Utah. This includes local economic development incentives provided through the Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED). These pieces of legislation include monitoring and tracking that will allow the legislature to review Resulting benefits. It is also hoped that these initiatives will encourage high tech companies on the Wasatch Front to expand to southern and rural Utah locations.

Mr. David Busk, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), provided an update on programs operated by the Department of Workforce Services. DWS is partnering with Utah State University on a pilot program aimed to reach out and educate rural communities to offer training that will facilitate participation in online job opportunities. This pilot program will be offered in Beaver, Carbon, Daggett, Emery, Garfield, Grand, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Sanpete, Sevier, Uintah, Washington, and Wayne counties. This will include sharing information, creating awareness of online free-lance jobs, how to look for these jobs, provide training to better qualify for jobs, one-on-one mentoring, etc. Information will be shared with schools, communities, and others upon request. Their website now includes all online work from home job opportunities across the nation. Suggestions and/or comments are welcomed by DWS.

Ms. Jordan Katcher, CIB Community Development Fund, introduced herself as the new community development specialist assigned to the Five County region. Her position is based out of Salt Lake City, but communities and/or board members can reach out to her for assistance.

**VIII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Courtney Brinkerhoff, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that the Suicide Hotline Bill has passed the House and Senate and is about to become law. This will allow individuals who are suicidal to call a three digit number similar to 911 rather than a long 1-800 number. However, the number to call has yet to be determined. Senator Hatch and staff assisted

Dixie State University in obtaining \$2 million dollars for their Innovation Plaza. The recent funding bill includes \$3.3 million for the Community Development Block Grant program. The Supreme Court nominee Judge Kavanaugh will be a top issue moving forward through September.

Mr. Adam Snow, Congressman Stewart's Office, reported that Congressman Stewart was in the area last week and hiked in Garfield County below Calf Creek Falls. He is trying to build a coalition to support his bill dealing with the Garand Staircase Escalante National Monument. A wild horse roundtable was held the next day in Salt Lake to address wild horse issues in Beaver and Iron counties. Several groups including the humane society, ASPCA, wild horse conservation groups, animal associations, Farm Bureau, etc. were represented at the meeting. Group discussions produced a lot of agreement in terms of what needs to be done to address over population of the herds. Two town hall meetings were also held last week in Washington County. He reported that there are compelling reasons to locate the BLM headquarters in Utah, but proximity to a major airport is a big deal. Recommendations can be made to Governor Herbert with compelling reasons for locating the office in counties such as Washington, Iron, etc.

V. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM - FY 2019 POLICIES AND RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA FOR THE FIVE COUNTY REGION - REVIEW AND APPROVE**

Mr. Nate Wiberg, Five County AOG Community Planner, referenced pages 8-24 of the meeting packet containing the proposed criteria for FY 2019. An email was sent out to all mayors, county commissioners, city managers and county clerks outlining some of the proposed changes to the criteria. No comments and/or suggestions for improving the rating and ranking criteria were provided. Proposed changes were reviewed as follows: 1) **General Policies #6--** Added sentence regarding HUD eligible construction activities; 2) **General Policies #9--** Capital Improvement lists due date Friday, January 4, 2019; 3) **General Policies #16 Housing Related Projects--** Sentence was separated into bullet points for better ease of reading by applicants. Wording was added to the first bullet point to include and/or eligible limited clientele housing. Wording was added to the second bullet point to include showing documentation that they can carry out the project within HUD's allotted time line. Wording was added to the third bullet point to include acquisition of real property; 4) **General Policies #20--** This is a new policy added to deal with applicants that choose to not undertake the project in a time frame that will allow for redistribution of funds toward another project in the Five County region, during the same program year, will be prohibited from re-applying in the future for the same project. Mr. Wiberg read the entire criteria to provide clarification on other issues and/or request for an exception by the Rating and Ranking Committee (R&RC). Mr. Gary Zabriskie explained why this criteria was added and provided an example of funding that was turned back by a jurisdiction. Had the funding been turned over in a timely fashion, another project (Virgin Town) would have been able to receive full project funding. Those funds (approximately \$95,000) now go back to the state of Utah for reallocation; 5) **How-to-Apply Application Workshop Attendance Policy--** Some minor wording was changed to avoid confusion; 6) **FY 2019 Regional Prioritization Criteria and Justification--** Remained the same as last year. This prioritization is determined by the Executive Director with consultation of the AOG Finance Committee; and 7) **FY 2019 CDBG Rating and Ranking Criteria and Applicant's Project Score Sheet--** Criteria #3 on previous year rating and ranking dealt with job creation as a

result of the project. This criteria was eliminated because State policy is in place where only AOGs can make application for economic development projects, and very few projects ever created permanent jobs. The worksheet for criteria #18 is contained in the packet on page 23 and it is important that applicants provide backup documentation with their application. Staff will not search for documentation but will hold applicants accountable to provide this information. Proactive planning will be rewarded, but applicants must provide necessary documentation for consideration. Worksheet 19 contained on page 24 of the meeting packet includes wording on #1 ".....actively involved in the application process", and applicant provided evidence was added to #2 to determine if the project manager has the capacity to carry out the project in a timely manner. This is to make the process as objective as possible. Detailed architectural/engineering reports, design/plans prepared was included on two worksheets. It was eliminated from one, and it is now included only on Worksheet 18. Things that were redundant have been eliminated, and other wording has been clarified throughout the criteria. Approximately \$760,000 in 2018 funding was received by the AOG for allocation to projects throughout the Five County area. Communities must be low-income eligible in order to make application for community wide projects, but site specific projects can be accomplished with certification of a site specific low-income survey. Mr. Gary Zabriskie explained that some projects such as senior citizen centers are considered categorically eligible and these do not require a certified low-income survey. Mr. Wiberg is available to discuss potential CDBG projects and eligibility for CDBG funds.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER JERRY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY MR. FRANK HOUSTON, TO APPROVE THE FY 2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT POLICIES AND RATING & RAKING CRITERIA FOR THE FIVE COUNTY REGION. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**VI. APPROVE COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF PHYSICAL RELOCATION OF DIXIE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (DMPO) AND IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION (ICRPO) TO ALTERNATIVE LOCATION(S) - RESOLUTION**

Mr. Bryan Thiriot explained that the resolution was presented to the Finance Committee during the June 13, 2018 meeting in Beaver for their consideration. However, the governing body (Steering Committee) is the only body that can pass a formal resolution. Commissioner Victor Iverson asked for consideration of the resolution and he is not in attendance to provide answers to any questions that may be asked. Mayor John Bramall commented that he serves as a member of the Dixie Transportation Executive Council (DTEC) which operates and funds projects in Washington County only. He questioned why this would be an item presented to the Five County AOG Steering Committee for action.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MIKE DALTON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER JERRY TAYLOR, TO TABLE THIS AGENDA ITEM UNTIL COMMISSIONER VICTOR IVERSON IS IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS THE RESOLUTION. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**VII. STATE UPDATES**

Covered after Agenda Item # IV.

**VIII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**

Covered after Agenda Item # IV.

**IX. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY AND DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATES**

Representatives of SUU and DSU were not in attendance.

**X. LOCAL AFFAIRS**

**A. AREA-WIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

Mr. Gary Zabriskie referenced seven A-95 reviews contained on pages 26-32 of the meeting packet. Reviews one through six have supportive recommendations and number seven on page 32 has a conditionally supportive recommendation. A number of the reviews contained in packet are for the sale of State Trust Land parcels in various locations. All counties have responded with their support on the reviews with the exception of the Sugar Knoll Trust Land Sale Parcel located in Kane County. Commissioner Mike Dalton asked that comments for Beaver County be changed on the Smithfield to Kern River Product Gas Pipeline to state that SITLA require reciprocal easements from Smithfield for roadways and power lines that cross their property in close proximity to the pipeline to access the Folger project that is on SITLA land. Mr. Zabriskie noted that comments on the Kane County review were from county meeting minutes and media coverage of the meeting. The concern was for road and trail access and easements through this area. It is also recommended that Kane County also send a separate letter to SITLA to adequately address any concerns about road closures and easements.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. TERRY HUTCHINSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR JOHN BRAMALL, TO APPROVE SUPPORTIVE A-95 REVIEW ACTIONS FOR ITEMS ONE THROUGH SIX, SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS STATED FOR THE SMITHFIELD REVIEW IN BEAVER COUNTY AND APPROVAL OF THE CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTIVE REVIEW FOR SUGAR KNOLL IN KANE COUNTY. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**B. CIB APPLICATION REVIEWS**

Mr. Gary Zabriskie reported that there are no CIB applications for review. The second trimester application deadline is October 1, 2018. Applications for a 100% loan from CIB are generally approved without question.

**C. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL APPROVALS**

Mr. Bryan Thiriot referenced four out-of-state travel requests contained on pages 33-49 of the packet for Clint Cottam, Cindy Rose, Myron Lee and Curt Hutchings. Clint Cottam is requesting authorization to attend CSBG-related training at the National Community Action Partnership 2018 Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado on August 28-31. Utah CAP and the state of Utah will pick up all costs for this travel. AOG policy requires formal approval of all out-of-state travel.



**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY MAYOR JOHN BRAMALL, TO APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CLINT COTTAM AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Mr. Bryan Thiriot presented a request for Cindy Rose to attend the Youth Volunteer Corps (YVC) Summit in Charleston, South Carolina on November 2-3, 2018. Travel funds are provided from their annual yard sale fund-raiser.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR JOHN BRAMALL, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL FOR CINDY ROSE TO ATTEND THE YVC SUMMIT AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

Mr. Thiriot referenced out-of-state travel requests for Myron Lee and Curt Hutchings to attend the 2018 Annual Conference of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) to be held in San Antonio, Texas on September 24-28, 2018. One staff person attends the urban tracks and the other attends the rural tracks. Travel funds for these two individuals are provided by the Dixie MPO. Five County serves as the fiscal agent for the Dixie MPO.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR JEFF STOCK, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUESTS FOR MYRON LEE AND CURT HUTCHINGS TO ATTEND THE 2018 AMPO CONFERENCE AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**D. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Bryan Thiriot reported that the Five County Economic Development District is operated through the Five County Association of Governments. Because of this designation, Dixie State University was able to make application for seed funding from the Economic Development Administration for their Innovation Center. DSU has been awarded \$1.75 million dollars for this project.

In addition, the geothermal site was announced in Beaver County. Commissioner Mike Dalton explained that this will be an innovative research center to determine if geothermal power can be produced. A \$140 million dollar grant was provided by the U.S. Department of Energy to the University of Utah for a geothermal lab in Beaver County. It was noted that this is in the same vicinity as the Smithfield project reviewed as an A-95.

**E. DISCUSSION OF LOCAL ISSUES**

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at the Heritage Center in Cedar City located at 105 North 100 East in Cedar City at 1:30 p.m. The annual meeting schedule for 2019 will be coordinated by Bryan Thiriot in conjunction with the Behavioral Health and Public Health departments.

**XI.    ADJOURN**

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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## **AGENDA ITEM # II.**

**From:** Russell Goodrich <[Russell.Goodrich@usu.edu](mailto:Russell.Goodrich@usu.edu)>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 17, 2018 9:23 PM  
**To:** Bryan Thiriot <[bthiriot@fivecounty.utah.gov](mailto:bthiriot@fivecounty.utah.gov)>  
**Cc:** Mike Sarles <[mike.sarles@usu.edu](mailto:mike.sarles@usu.edu)>  
**Subject:** Five County AOG Meeting, October 10

Good evening, Bryan

I was visiting with Paul Hill recently, and he mentioned your upcoming meeting with the Commissioners and the School Board members on October 10. Paul mentioned your desire to have someone come to the meeting to share information about the Rural Online Initiative (ROI).

As a personal introduction, I was recently hired as the Senior Program Coordinator for the Rural Online Initiative after serving in several leadership roles with the college and university in Price. I would also like to introduce you to Mike Sarles, the Program Coordinator from Panguitch. Mike serves as the Program Coordinator for the Five County region served by the FCAOG and would be your primary point of contact.

Mike and I are both available on October 10 and would love to come to your meeting to share information about what we do and to hear your ideas about how we can best serve your region. Please let us know the details, and we will be happy to join you for the meeting.

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# USU Extension Focuses on Strengthening Utah's Rural Economies

Friday, Sep. 07, 2018



As many rural Utah residents are struggling with unemployment or underemployment, a new pilot program has been implemented by Utah State University Extension to help residents in the southern counties develop the skills needed to compete for remote employment.

## **AGENDA ITEM # II. (Continued)**

With the goal of strengthening the economies of rural Utah, the new Rural Online Initiative (ROI) was funded by the legislature in 2018 to allow people to develop skills so they can seek competitive remote jobs without leaving their counties.

The initiative is the brainchild of Darin Bushman, county commissioner in Piute County, who was elected to office in one of the smallest, most poverty-stricken counties in Utah. As he evaluated economic strengths and weaknesses, he discovered that while there were very talented people in the county, many were underemployed, unemployed, had dropped out of the workforce or were geographically bound because a spouse was employed in the county, but there were no employment options for the other potential wage earner.

"I sat in my office posting a freelance job offer, and it hit me – why can't our citizens, with skills to offer, be the ones doing this job rather than someone halfway around the world?" he said. "Our local people can be the ones taking advantage of these online opportunities and marketing their skills outside the bounds of their current geography."

Bushman said the idea was presented to local chamber members and other elected officials with positive response. However, finding the right organization to be the "home" for the program was a challenge. With input from another commissioner, it seemed that USU Extension would be the perfect fit because of their county outreach programs.

"After meeting with USU Extension Vice President Ken White and discussing our concerns and ideas, the ROI was born," he said. "The premise was simple – educate, coach, mentor and teach rural businesses and members of the workforce so they can take advantage of online opportunities. We also wanted to target high school students nearing graduation who were not pursuing higher education to avail them of the opportunities that exist online, which could help reduce the net migration from rural Utah counties."

The Rural Online Initiative, House Bill 327, was sponsored by Representative Michael Noel, with Senator David Hinkins as the floor sponsor. Bushman and Commissioner Victor Iverson from Washington County successfully lobbied for it. It was signed into law by Governor Gary Herbert during the 2018 legislative session.

White said USU Extension is in a prime position to leverage its presence in rural Utah to help residents become better equipped to work as remote employees.

"Our extensive statewide infrastructure will help connect rural Utahns with the new and innovative employment opportunities that are available worldwide," he said. "We see this as a way for citizens to keep the high quality of life found in these rural communities, but now they can have increased earning potential."

According to Paul Hill, USU Extension associate professor and principal investigator of the Rural Online Initiative, a new certificate course has been specifically developed to help people succeed as an online freelancer or remote employee.

"Completing the Master Remote Work Professional course and earning a certificate will prepare people to prosper in the new economy," he said. "After meeting the skill requirements and earning their certificates, ROI clients will be assisted with job placement in partnership with Utah's Department of Workforce Services."

Linda Gillmor, director of Rural Development for the Governor's Office of Economic Development said that one of the state's strategies to create jobs as part of the Governor's '25K Rural Jobs in 25 Counties by 2020' initiative is to leverage existing broadband.

## **AGENDA ITEM # II. (Continued)**

"In some instances, rural locations have faster speeds than along the Wasatch Front," she said. "The Rural Online Initiative pilot program is an excellent way to use that infrastructure to create jobs in rural Utah."

White said USU Extension has recently hired a senior program coordinator, three program coordinators and one staff assistant to carry out the new program. Each program coordinator has been assigned several counties to oversee, and the team is now in place and ready to serve these communities.

The Rural Online Initiative team includes Russell Goodrich, senior program coordinator based in Carbon County. He will work with the other program coordinators based in Emery, Sevier and Garfield counties to implement the initiative throughout rural Utah. Mike Sarles, program coordinator based in Garfield County, will oversee Garfield, Kane, Washington, Piute and Iron counties. Jordan Leonard, program coordinator based in Emery County, will oversee Emery, Carbon, San Juan, Grand, Uintah and Daggett counties. Trenton Willson, program coordinator based in Sevier County will oversee Wayne, Sevier, Sanpete and Beaver counties. Emy Swadley is the new assistant for the initiative.

The Rural Online Initiative will host town hall meetings to attract community support and clients. Some counties will have workshops, meetings and resources available this fall, while other counties will start in 2019.

To sign up for an upcoming town hall meeting, to join a remote work cohort or sign up to receive emails and learn of the latest news and opportunities, visit [remoteworkcertificate.com](http://remoteworkcertificate.com).

### ***Further information on the new ROI team follows:***

#### **Russell Goodrich**

Russell Goodrich is the senior program coordinator for the Rural Online Initiative. He has a bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in information systems from Utah State University. He brings over 30 years of training experience to this new position and has provided a wide variety of business and computer training to hundreds of high school and college students, along with a number of private businesses. He has provided leadership in past positions as department chair, dean and CTE director at the College of Eastern Utah and as an associate vice chancellor and director at USU Eastern. He loves forming new partnerships and has successfully partnered with DWS and local businesses to obtain grants and start new programs, including implementing a new CTE advising initiative and starting a new internship program. He is married with five children and five grandchildren, and he is excited to meet three additional grandchildren in the next few months. He loves the outdoors and the mountains.

#### **Mike Sarles**

Mike Sarles is a program coordinator for the Rural Online Initiative Pilot Program based in Garfield County. He recently came from the private sector with 20 plus years of experience in international business, sales and online marketing. He has most recently managed a remote team while also working remotely. He received his bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University. He speaks Mandarin Chinese and enjoys traveling to Asia. He is married with 5 children (three born in Asia). He is passionate about high tech and e-commerce. When he's not staring at a screen, he enjoys mountain biking, scuba diving, swimming, hanging out with his kids, cooking and baking. He is also a volunteer firefighter and is active in his community.

## **AGENDA ITEM # II. (Continued)**

### **Jordan Leonard**

Jordan Leonard is a program coordinator for the Rural Online Initiative and will be based out of Emery County. He has a bachelor's degree in sales and marketing through the technical sales program from Weber State University. He has 10 years of experience managing his own small business in rural Utah and spent the last 3 years as the Emery County Economic Development Director. Under his direct supervision, tourism in Emery County has taken flight, a FIRST robotics program has been brought into the school district and he has been a driver in assisting businesses with grants, incentives and the training they have needed to succeed in a coal-devastated region. He loves to golf, fish, coach his son's baseball teams, camp and spend time with family and friends.

### **Trenton Willson**

Trenton Willson is a new program coordinator for the Rural Online Initiative. He is a career advisor with experience in the public and private sectors. He began his professional career as an accountant while attending the University of Utah, graduating with a bachelor of arts in accounting. His experience includes working for Marriott International, the State of Utah and several other small businesses, including his own. He will be based in Sevier County and will serve the rural workforce and businesses with educational workshops, training and mentoring for online opportunities in remote employment, freelance work and e-commerce.

### **Emy Swadley**

Emy Swadley is the new assistant for the Rural Online Initiative. She has been an employee with USU Extension for over 3 years, serving in various capacities including 4-H State Office program coordinator, 4-H Teen Council Advisor, and eXtension virtual assistant. She graduated with her bachelor's degree from Brigham Young University in recreational management and has a background in event coordinating. She loves the outdoors, traveling, cooking and watching a good comedy.

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# The 2020 Census at a Glance



The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America's population. The 2020 Census goal is to count everyone once, only once, and in the right place.

The census provides vital information for you and your community.

- It determines how many representatives each state gets in Congress.
- Communities rely on census statistics to plan for a variety of resident needs including new roads, schools, and emergency services.
- Businesses use census data to help provide more local jobs and places to shop.

Each year, the federal government distributes hundreds of billions of dollars to states and communities based on U.S. Census Bureau data.

In 2020, we will introduce new technology to make it easier than ever to respond to the census. For the first time, you will be able to respond online, by phone, or by mail. We will use data that the public has already provided to cut down on household visits. And, we are building a more accurate address list and automating our field operations—all while keeping your information confidential and safe.

*The Census Bureau is the leading source of statistical information about the nation's people. We provide snapshots on population size and growth and detailed portraits of our changing communities.*



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## Foundation of a Successful Census



### Establish Where To Count

- Using aerial imagery and in-field work to identify new homes and buildings
- Partner with U.S. Postal Service
- Local governments input through the Boundary Annexation Survey and Local Update of Census Addresses
- Comprehensive review of all addresses



### Motivate People To Respond

- Partner with community leaders and trusted voices
- Use tailored messages
- Encourage self-response



### Count The Population

- Respond online, by phone, or by mail
- Visit households that do not respond
- Online forms in multiple languages
- Mailed Individual Census ID is not required for online response



### Release Census Results

- Deliver apportionment counts to the President by December 31, 2020
- Release counts for redistricting by April 1, 2021
- Make it easier for the public to access data



August 2017



## 50 WAYS CENSUS DATA ARE USED

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- Decision making at all levels of government.
- Drawing federal, state, and local legislative districts.
- Attracting new businesses to state and local areas.
- Distributing over \$675 billion annually in federal funds and even more in state funds.
- Forecasting future transportation needs for all segments of the population.
- Planning for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and the location of other health services.
- Forecasting future housing needs for all segments of the population.
- Directing funds for services for people in poverty.
- Designing public safety strategies.
- Development of rural areas.
- Analyzing local trends.
- Estimating the number of people displaced by natural disasters.
- Developing assistance programs for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- Creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance.
- Delivering goods and services to local markets.
- Designing facilities for people with disabilities, the elderly, or children.
- Planning future government services.
- Planning investments and evaluating financial risk.
- Publishing economic and statistical reports about the United States and its people.
- Facilitating scientific research.
- Developing "intelligent" maps for government and business.
- Providing proof of age, relationship, or residence certificates provided by the Census Bureau.
- Distributing medical research.
- Reapportioning seats in the House of Representatives.
- Planning and researching for media as backup for news stories.
- Drawing school district boundaries.
- Planning budgets for government at all levels.
- Spotting trends in the economic well-being of the nation.
- Planning for public transportation services.
- Planning health and educational services for people with disabilities.
- Establishing fair market rents and enforcing fair lending practices.
- Directing services to children and adults with limited English-language proficiency.
- Planning urban land use.
- Planning outreach strategies.
- Understanding labor supply.
- Assessing the potential for spread of communicable diseases.
- Making business decisions.
- Understanding consumer needs.
- Planning for faith-based organizations.
- Locating factory sites and distribution centers.
- Distributing catalogs and developing direct mail pieces.
- Setting a standard for creating both public and private sector surveys.
- Evaluating programs in different geographic areas.
- Providing genealogical research.
- Planning for school projects.
- Developing adult education programs.
- Researching historical subject areas.
- Determining areas eligible for housing assistance and rehabilitation loans.

# Census Bureau Data Dissemination

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The Data Dissemination Branch assists by providing access to censuses, surveys and estimates data.

Our goal is to make the Census Data available to all. We do this by offering the following:

- **Presentations** – Informative session demonstrating how to locate and use Census data. We are available to be the primary presenter or participate in a session at an existing conference.
- **Data Workshops** – Training in a hands-on computer lab setting or by virtual web at the comfort of your own computer. Workshops teach you how to access Census data, and use the various tools available.
- **Answers to specific data inquiries** – We provide the data you need and will show you how to obtain it by yourself.



Whether you are:

- A business owner that wants to increase YOUR market share
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- A local government planning for the future development of YOUR county, city or town
- A community leader needing to know the makeup of YOUR community
- A school official planning for the future of YOUR students

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### What We Do:

Throughout the decade between decennial censuses, we are continually conducting surveys and releasing population estimates to produce a general view and comprehensive study of the country's social and economic conditions. A survey is a method of collecting and analyzing social, economic, and geographic data. It provides information about the conditions of the United States, and Puerto Rico at a number of geographic levels. The data from the survey are used by local and national government officials, businesses, community organizations, schools and planners to determine needs for programs and services.



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### Just Some of the Data Available:

- Community Profiles
- Population Characteristics
- Housing Quality / Costs
- Retail Sales
- Building Permits
- Consumer Expenditures
- Government Finance and Employment
- Export Statistics
- Employment Dynamics
- Business Research and Development
- Current Economic Indicators
- Yearly Population Estimates



## AGENDA ITEM # III. (Continued)

### 2020 Census Key Dates

#### Community Involvement - Offices - Data Collection Operations

January 2018 through September 2019	Engage & Educate Local Leaders, Partners & Communities
April 2019 through January 2020	Promote Participation in the Census Locally
January 2019 & February 2019	Early Area Census Offices Open (these offices run the Address Canvass Operation)
June 2019 through August 2019	Area Census Offices Open (ACOs)
August 2019 through October 2019	Address Canvass Operation in Select areas (~30% of country, high growth & change areas and not part of hand delivery, see below)
March 2020 through June 2020	Call To Action for Residents to Respond (starting March 23)
February 2020 through June 2020	Group Quarters Operations (Count of Residents in Shelters, Dorms, Nursing Homes, Transitory Locations, Prisons, Military Bases, RV Parks, etc. Local governments & Census identify & plan these operations)
Mid-March 2020	Residents Invited to Respond
Individual Housing Units (HUs) Invited by either:	
<div> <div> <u>Mail</u> (to USPS Mailable Addresses)         </div> <div> <u>Hand Delivery</u> (to Rural/PO Box, non-USPS HU delivery)         </div> </div>	
<div> <div>           1. Letter Mailed            2. Reminder Postcard            3. Then Paper Questionnaire         </div> <div>           1. List Housing Units (operation is called Update Leave)            2. Leave Questionnaire (Spanish in certain areas) &amp; Letter w/other Response Options (Internet &amp; phone)         </div> </div>	
Options to Self-Respond (all residents will have these 3 options & decide what is best for them)	
Internet	Telephone
	Paper
March 23, 2020	Self-Response Begins & Continues through July 2020
APRIL 1, 2020	Census Day – Reference Date = where you live on April 1
Mid-April 2020	Early Non-Response Follow-up (primarily areas around Colleges/Universities where the population leaves before early May)
May 2020 through July 2020	Non Response Follow-up (NRFU) to HUs that do not self-respond (HUs can continue to self-respond during this time)
Late August 2020 through September 2020	Area Census Offices Close
August 2020 through December 2020	Quality Evaluation (re-contact of select HUs)
December 31, 2020	Deliver Counts to the President

## AGENDA ITEM # XI-B.

**AOG:** Five County Association of Governments

### PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

#### REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

**Applicant:** Brian Head Town

**Project Title:** Steam Engine Meadows Phase 1-C Streets & Utilities Project

**Date Received:** October 1, 2018

**Date the AOG Steering Committee Reviewed:** October 10, 2018

**Project Description:**

**WHO** - Residing at nearly 10,000 feet above sea level, Brian Head Town is Southern Utah's premier mountain resort community serving as a regional ski destination for Las Vegas and Southern California. In addition to Brian Head Town's full-time population of about 100 residents, the Town routinely provides services for thousands of visitors who come for skiing and other snow sports in the winter months as well as mountain biking, hiking and other outdoor recreation activities during the summer months. Daytime visitors peak around 10,000 during events and holidays a handful of times each year. Brian Head Town currently supports 1,500 utility connections in and around the Town limits, which further illustrates the broad areas which Brian Head provides basic service needs.

**WHAT** - Brian Head Town is seeking loan funding to complete a roads and utilities infrastructure project for Steam Engine Meadows Subdivision (residential). The improvements would include completion of water lines, sewer lines, and paved roads.

**WHY** - The proposed improvements would complete a subdivision that was basically abandoned following the 2008 recession. The subdivision is in a key area of wildland urban interface, and the proposed improvements would enable public safety access and improved fire protection capacity.

Currently there are no residential structures in the subdivision, but with the current building demand and economic conditions property owners in the area are seeking solutions for running power and gas to the area to enable building. The Town projects it won't be long before people are building within the subdivision, and we are concerned about fire protection in the area.

In the past, we've come seeking grant money for projects that improve fire protection in our residential neighborhoods. In this case, as there are not any structures currently in the subdivision, most of the work would not impact the water rates, and the development in the area is likely to be higher end, the Town believes that the development itself will provide enough additional tax dollars to cover the debt service on a loan.

**PROPOSED FUNDING:** CIB loan 2.5%, 15 years: \$ 875,000. **Total Project Cost:** \$ 875,000.

Is the project on the County Capital improvements List?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the project consistent with local and regional plans?	Local: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Regional: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the project a planning project?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**How will the project benefit the applicant community?**

The proposed improvements would complete a subdivision that was basically abandoned following the 2008 recession. The subdivision is in a key area of wildland urban interface, and the proposed improvements would enable public safety access and improved fire protection capacity.

**What are challenges the project faces/creates?**

None are anticipated

**AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)**

**Brian Head Town - Steam Engine Meadows Phase 1-C Streets & Utilities Project Review (page 2 of 2)**

**AOG Recommendation:**

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project on the date indicated above and voted to:

\_\_\_\_support this project. \_\_\_\_remain neutral on this project. \_\_\_\_not support this project.

**The action of the Steering Committee on the above date is attested to by:**

**Type Name:** Bryan D. Thiriot      **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director

## AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)

AOG: Five County Association of Governments

### PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

#### REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

**Applicant:** Municipal Building Authority of Beaver City

**Project Title:** Beaver City Opera House

**Date Received:** September 26, 2018

**Date the AOG Steering Committee Reviewed:** October 10, 2018

**Project Description:**

**Beaver City Opera House Renovation:**

Beaver City currently maintains the Opera House as one of its public facilities. This building was constructed in 1907 as a public meeting place for the community. It held dances, band practices, community meetings and social gatherings. It has served as a fire station, sewing factory, and military armory to name a few. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It now serves as the center for the Sr. Citizens program as well as Meals on Wheels. Local support groups also use the building for meetings as well as dance groups, exercise groups, martial arts groups, and the Beaver Civic Arts hosts three plays each year in the theater. There are many family and community gatherings held in this building as well.

After a structural engineering analysis by Steven Barnhardt in 2010, Beaver City realized that the building was in great need of seismic upgrades to the roof and walls. The building is structurally sound except for the seismic upgrades necessary for a public building. Jones and DeMille Engineering completed another study in 2017 that confirmed the need for a seismic upgrade in conjunction with a renovation to the electrical and mechanical systems. The kitchen was in need of many upgrades to help prepare food in an appropriate manner, and the theater was in need of a sound system, new lighting, improved seating, and more space for theatrical productions.

This project was included on the Capital Improvement Plan for several years without the funding possible to even begin. For this reason, Beaver City (MBA) is applying to the Community Impact Board to help with the funding.

**PROPOSED FUNDING:** CIB loan 2.5%, 20 years: \$500,000. CIB grant: \$400,000. Applicant Cash: \$74,000. Other Local Cash: \$16,000. Federal grant: \$300,000. State grant: \$310,000. **Total Project Cost: \$1,600,000.**

Is the project on the County Capital improvements List? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the project consistent with local and regional plans? Local: Yes ☒ No ☐

Regional: Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the project a planning project? Yes ☐ No ☒

**How will the project benefit the applicant community?**

This will ensure that the residents and visitors to Beaver City not only preserve a very historic facility, but actually make that facility usable for many more functions than it currently provides for. The seismic improvements will provide for public safety. Other improvements will greatly extend the useable life of the overall building.

**What are challenges the project faces/creates?**

As is the case with all renovation projects, there is always the possibility of unanticipated items creeping in. Fortunately this project has been studied very well. One concern that has been fairly common in the past several years is construction cost bids exceeding even the best estimates of the design professionals. Can this be renovated for the amount planned?

**AOG Recommendation:**

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project on the date indicated above and voted to:

\_\_\_ support this project. \_\_\_ remain neutral on this project. \_\_\_ not support this project.

The action of the Steering Committee on the above date is attested to by:

Type Name: Bryan D. Thiriot Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director

## AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)

AOG: Five County Association of Governments

### PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

#### REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

**Applicant:** Town of Bryce Canyon City

**Project Title:** Bryce Canyon City - Wellness Clinic

**Date Received:** September 26, 2018

**Date the AOG Steering Committee Reviewed:** October 10, 2018

**Project Description:**

**Purpose of the Project:**

Bryce Canyon City, located in Garfield County, was incorporated in July of 2007. Bryce Canyon City is located at the entrance to Bryce Canyon National Park, which receives over 1,000,000 visitors each year. During peak season, the number of visitors to the City exceeds the total population of Garfield County. At this time the City's population and that in the County near the City increases dramatically with seasonal workers. A recent trend is that more and more of these workers are staying full time because the peak season is continuing to begin sooner and end later from year to year. With it has come rapid population growth and increased interest and demand for recreation facilities in the City.

The proposed facility will provide a weight lifting room and gymnasium space for recreation purposes and for holding general community events for the area. Restroom and mechanical spaces are also included as part of the proposed facility. Recently the City has been housing weight lifting and exercise equipment in the existing City public safety building. Fire fighters and other first responders have most generally used this, but many other citizens have utilized the facilities and the demand is growing. The City recognizes that there is a need to move the equipment and have a dedicated building for these activities. Additionally, the equipment is taking up much needed space in the public safety building that is needed for emergency vehicles and equipment.

Benefits of the project include: (1) Alleviating safety and space concerns currently present with housing fitness equipment at the public safety building (2) Community center space that the City currently does not have, (3) Gymnasium recreation space and opportunity for a growing community that currently does not have such.

**What is Being Proposed, Alternatives Considered, and Benefits**

The City requests CIB funds, to be combined with in-kind donations, to construct the new facility. The facility will be constructed on existing City property where public safety building is located. The site will accommodate the proposed facility in close proximity to the public safety building to conveniently allow continued use of equipment by first responders. Another alternative considered included adding on to the existing public safety building for the exercise equipment only, this alternative is considered less desirable because the City would like to provide some separation of the facilities. Additionally, building a new, separate building affords the City the opportunity to include gymnasium and community center spaces which are needed and desired by the community. The selected site was chosen for its low cost, its proximity to the public safety building, existing infrastructure, and the need to improve and enhance City property.

The City has paid for preconstruction architecture, engineering, and environmental services in advance in an effort to expedite the project and hopefully move forward with construction in the spring of 2019. Also, with construction costs rising rapidly, this approach will allow the project to be bid prior to the February funding meeting and know the actual construction costs at that time.

**Why CIB Funds are Being Requested**

A total of \$1,600,000 in funding is required to complete the project. The City is contributing \$70,000 in-kind by paying for preconstruction engineering, architecture, bidding, and environmental up front. To complete the new facility the City is requesting a total \$1,530,000 in CIB funding in the form of a \$765,000 grant and a 2.5% loan of \$765,000 to be paid back from the general fund. Other funding avenues, such as a commercial loan, would require the project scope to be reduced to make it affordable or would. This could result in a smaller facility that would not provide space required.

**PROPOSED FUNDING:** CIB loan 2.5%, 30 years: \$765,000. CIB grant: \$765,000. Applicant In-kind: \$70,000.

**Total Project Cost:** \$1,600,000.

**Is the project on the County Capital improvements List?**

Yes ☒

No ☐

**Is the project consistent with local and regional plans?**

Local: Yes ☒

No ☐

Regional: Yes ☒

No ☐



## **AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)**

**Bryce Canyon City - Wellness Clinic Review (page 2 of 2)**

**Is the project a planning project?**

Yes ☐

No ☒

**How will the project benefit the applicant community?**

The Town of Bryce Canyon City is looking to build a publicly owned recreation center. The residents currently are using space inside the public safety building/fire station. That creates security issues. This will provide a purpose-built facility that all residents will be able to use.

**What are challenges the project faces/creates?**

No specific challenges are anticipated, other than what has been fairly common as of the past several years, and that is construction cost bids exceeding even the best estimates of the design professionals. Can this be built for the amount planned?

**AOG Recommendation:**

**The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project on the date indicated above and voted to:**

\_\_\_support this project. \_\_\_remain neutral on this project. \_\_\_not support this project.

**The action of the Steering Committee on the above date is attested to by:**

**Type Name:** Bryan D. Thiriot

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director

## AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)

AOG: Five County Association of Governments

### PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

#### REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

**Applicant:** Town of Bryce Canyon City

**Project Title:** Bryce Canyon City – General Plan

**Date Received:** September 26, 2018

**Date the AOG Steering Committee Reviewed:** October 10, 2018

**Project Description:**

Visitation to Bryce Canyon NP continues to increase, and this growth continues to directly affect Bryce Canyon City. Even though the city is home to only 195 permanent, year-round residents, on any given day (from April to October) it hosts more people than live in Garfield County. Additionally, the city hosts several major events throughout the year, including the Bryce Canyon Winter Festival, Bryce Canyon Country Rodeo and the Canyon2Canyon Bike Ride. The community is anticipating change - change in population, council members, business license applications, and general development. With limited resources, the town says they are not prepared to handle these changes. A few years ago, they tried to update our zoning ordinance, but found that they did not have a plan to justify the regulations envisioned by it. They expect that this planning project will also include a critical review and recommendations related to this ordinance. The residents and business owners in Bryce Canyon want to find way to grow while maintaining the rural atmosphere they have always cherished. They indicate that they need a plan that meets the state legal requirements and protects private property rights. With this in mind, the town is pursuing a matching grant from the Community Impact Board. The town has prioritized the need to plan and have the matching funds required for this project. The town anticipates collaborating with the Five County AOG and Tropic Town on this project, and we hope the CIB will support us in this path forward as we plan for the future of our community.

**PROPOSED FUNDING:** CIB grant: \$20,000. Applicant Cash: \$20,000. Total Project Cost: \$40,000.

Is the project on the County Capital improvements List?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the project consistent with local and regional plans?	Local: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Regional: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the project a planning project?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**How will the project benefit the applicant community?**

The Town of Bryce Canyon City needs a current general Plan in order to comply with state law. This plan is needed to plan for the next 10 year horizon and be a comprehensive general Plan.

**What are challenges the project faces/creates?**

No specific challenges are anticipated. Always when a community embarks on a General Plan rewrite there is concern of getting involvement from all of the residents, so that it represents the vision of the whole community and is not just supporting a vocal minority. Efforts should be undertaken to see that all are fairly represented in the process.

**AOG Recommendation:**

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project on the date indicated above and voted to:

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The action of the Steering Committee on the above date is attested to by:

Type Name: Bryan D. Thiriot

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director

## AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)

**AOG:** Five County Association of Governments

### PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION

#### REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW

**Applicant:** Tropic Town

**Project Title:** Tropic Town – General Plan

**Date Received:** September 26, 2018

**Date the AOG Steering Committee Reviewed:** October 10, 2018

**Project Description:**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

Tropic Town is facing more development pressure than it has in decades. The growth in interest in Bryce Canyon is a primary driver in this change, but our community also faces infrastructure and demographic pressures.

In 2016, the Rural Planning Group developed a "community assessment" with a special focus on zoning and inputs for a general plan revision. The purpose of that document was to create a "snapshot" of Tropic's current condition and recommend actions that the town can take to improve conditions. Since that time we have seen interest in development increase, and we want to make sure that we codify our vision and goals. We anticipate utilizing this assessment as an issues baseline, but we need help to update our plans and regulations (as was recommended in our assessment).

Our current general plan was adopted in 1996, and our zoning ordinance had its last comprehensive revision in 2004. A great deal has changed since then, and we need to update them for internal consistency as well as alignment with state statute. Our community has already organized volunteer groups to gather more current information from business owners and residents.

Because we share so many issues (workforce housing, transportation, etc.), we intend to work collaboratively with Bryce Canyon City, the Five County AOG, and other regional partners on this project.

**PROPOSED FUNDING:** CIB grant: \$11,000. Applicant Cash: \$11,000. Total Project Cost: \$22,000.

Is the project on the County Capital improvements List? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the project consistent with local and regional plans? Local: Yes ☒ No ☐

Regional: Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the project a planning project? Yes ☒ No ☐

**How will the project benefit the applicant community?**

The town general plan is very old and the proposed update is much needed and will bring it, and the town, literally, into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

**What are challenges the project faces/creates?**

No specific challenges are anticipated.

**AOG Recommendation:**

The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project on the date indicated above and voted to:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director

## AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)

**AOG: Five County Association of Governments**

### **PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATION**

#### **REGIONAL CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW**

**Applicant:** Panguitch City

**Project Title:** Panguitch City – Culinary Water Asset Management/Master Plan

**Date Received:** October 1, 2018

**Date the AOG Steering Committee Reviewed:** October 10, 2018

**Project Description:**

Panguitch City is located in Garfield County Utah along the US Highway 89 corridor. With a population of just over 1,500 people, Panguitch City is a small rural community. The City has a culinary water system which is aging and in need of various repairs. In the summer of 2017 a wildfire which started near the Brian Head ski Resort west of the city burned the majority of the water sheds which supply water to the city. Additional flooding which occurred throughout July 2018 damaged the spring collection sites which the city has been pursuing funds to redevelop.

The City recognizes that due to issues surrounding the Brian Head fire and the aging water system infrastructure there is a need to develop a water system master plan which will analyze existing system source, storage, and distribution components. The City is pursuing funding from the Community Impact Board (CIB) to develop this masterplan. The plan will review the current system and look at how the city has been growing and plans to grow in the future. This will aid in identifying needed upgrades or repairs.

A GIS database will be developed by creating an inventory of the existing culinary water system including distribution pipe sizes, valves, hydrants, meters, etc. This will help the City to understand the extent and general layout of system components. Field work will be utilized as well as reviewing existing paper or electronic drawings, and previous models and reports. Field work will aid the City in developing a more accurate representation of the utilities which will then be uploaded to an interactive GIS geodatabase which the City can then use to train future personnel and keep track of work being performed throughout the system. The GIS database will be used to develop a hydraulic model of the system. This model will allow for an analysis of the existing and future demands to the water distribution system. Flows and pressures throughout the system will be reviewed as well as looking at current water usage and growth areas. System deficiencies will be identified based on the model and exported into the GIS interactive database.

These deficiencies will be categorized into various phases and a replacement / upgrade plan will be developed based on the needs and growth required by the system. Cost estimates will be put together for the various project phases and a financial analysis will be prepared for the various project phases which will aid the City in identifying potential funding opportunities and to make preparations for moving forward with the needed repairs and upgrades.

Panguitch City recognizes the need to be more proactive in their culinary water system and planning for the future rather than reactive to it. The City plans to move forward with this study immediately with a plan for completion by Spring of 2019.

**PROPOSED FUNDING:** CIB grant: \$26,300. Applicant Cash: \$26,300. **Total Project Cost:** \$52,600.

<b>Is the project on the County Capital improvements List?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the project consistent with local and regional plans?</b>	Local: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Regional: Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Is the project a planning project?</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

**How will the project benefit the applicant community?**

With all of the recent changes in the water source and distribution system brought about by the recovery from the effects of the 2017 Brian Head fire, the City needs a Water Master Plan to reflect those changes and plan for the future needs of the resident's culinary water needs.

**AGENDA ITEM # XI-B. (Continued)**

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**What are challenges the project faces/creates?**

No specific challenges are anticipated.

**AOG Recommendation:**

**The Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee reviewed this project on the date indicated above and voted to:**

☐ support this project. ☐ remain neutral on this project. ☐ not support this project.

**The action of the Steering Committee on the above date is attested to by:**

**Type Name:** Bryan D. Thiriot **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_, Executive Director

**AGENDA ITEM # XI-D.**

**Notice of Investment Award**

**Title:** University Center at Dixie State and Southern Utah Universities

**DOC Bureau:** Economic Development Administration

**Investment No. and Type:** ED18DEN3030035 – University Center

**Applicant:** Dixie State University

**Contact Information:** Sylvia Bradshaw, Director of Sponsored Programs  
(435) 879-4720, [bradshaw@dixie.edu](mailto:bradshaw@dixie.edu)

**City/County, State:** St. George/Washington County, UT

**U.S. Congressional District** 2

**EDA Investment Amount:** \$143,000

**Total Project Cost:** \$286,000

**Anticipated Impact/Outcome:** Leverages applied research and technical assistance to help communities capitalize on economic development opportunities.

**Description:** This EDA investment funds the first year of a five-year University Center Economic Development Program at Dixie State University in collaboration with Southern Utah University. The program provides technical assistance and applied research to help increase productivity, spur innovation and entrepreneurship, and increase long-term regional competitiveness and economic diversification.

EDA's University Center program is a competitively-based partnership between EDA and academic institutions that makes the varied and vast resources of universities available to the economic development practitioner community.

Should you have any questions, please contact EDA at (202) 482-2900.

## **BLM HOSTS PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR DRAFT GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE MONUMENT PLANS**

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Comments will help shape future management of public lands

**KANAB, Utah** – The Bureau of Land Management will host two public meetings as part of the ongoing land use planning for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (GSENM) and the federal lands excluded from the GSENM that are now identified as the Kanab-Escalante Planning Area. The draft management plans for the Grand Staircase, Kaiparowits, and the Escalante Canyons Units and associated environmental impact statement (EIS) were released for public review on Aug. 17, 2018 and modified on August 31. More information about the planning effort may be found on the BLM ePlanning project page at <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>.

"We welcome public discussion about the draft plans and the sharing of input with BLM staff," **said Harry Barber, acting monument manager**. "This review period provides an important opportunity to influence the decision-making process. The alternatives in the draft EIS analyze alternatives for protecting natural and cultural resources within the monument, while also providing opportunities for multiple uses of public lands."

The BLM invites members of the public to attend meetings at the following dates and locations:

- Oct. 15, 2018, from 4 to 7 p.m., Escalante High School, 70 N 1 W, Escalante, UT.
- Oct. 16, 2018, from 4 to 7 p.m., Kanab Elementary School, 41 W 100 N, Kanab, UT.

These open-house meetings provide opportunities for the public to speak with resource specialists, ask questions, and submit written comments in person. Written comments may be submitted at the meetings or anytime through Nov. 30, 2018 via mail or via the ePlanning project page.

To help the BLM properly consider and incorporate feedback, please include a reference to a specific page or section of the draft EIS/draft resource management plan in your comment. Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Mail: 669 S Hwy 89A Kanab, UT 84741, Attn: Matt Betenson.
- ePlanning: <https://goo.gl/EHvhbc>.

On Jan. 16, 2018, the BLM initiated planning for these lands and hosted a nearly 3-month-long scoping period and two public meetings. Since then, the BLM has worked with cooperating agencies to develop draft management plans and a draft EIS reflecting input from many stakeholders and the public. The plans include a range of alternatives addressing management issues brought forward during scoping.



October 2, 2018

## **3 Utah schools get Blue Ribbon designations by Department of Education**

**SALT LAKE CITY** — Three Utah elementary schools — one rural, one suburban and one urban — have been designated 2018 National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education.

Belknap Elementary School in Beaver, Peruvian Park Elementary School in Sandy and Salt Lake's Hawthorne Elementary School were designated as "exemplary high performing schools," which are considered the state's highest performing schools as measured by state assessments or nationally normed tests.

"We recognize and honor your important work in preparing students for successful careers and meaningful lives. Congratulations on your students' accomplishments and for your extraordinary commitment to meeting their unique needs," said Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in a video message to the honorees.

Belknap, Peruvian Park and Hawthorne elementary schools were among 349 public and private schools grades K-12 recognized nationwide.

This is the 36th year of the school recognition program. On Nov. 7-8, DeVos and the Department of Education will celebrate with 300 public and 49 private school honorees at an awards ceremony in Washington, D.C.

Both Hawthorne and Peruvian Park are magnet schools. Belknap is a Title 1 school that serves about 480 students, 57 percent of them economically disadvantaged, according to the school's profile on the U.S. Department of Education website.

### **Belknap Elementary**



Belknap Elementary School. Photo: Google Maps

[Belknap Elementary School](#) Principal Brad Harris called the school's faculty and students into an impromptu assembly Monday after lunch to deliver the good news of what he described as a "once-in-a-lifetime award."



## **AGENDA ITEM # XI-D. (Continued)**

He told the Belknap students that the pinnacle of achievement for a professional football player is to play in the Super Bowl. Professional baseball players, meanwhile, aspire to play in the World Series.

"In elementary education, receiving the Blue Ribbon School is kind of a big deal. It's kind of the same thing. Everyone needs a good pat on the back. It's just a great honor. It's a great award for the staff. They were so excited. They're such dedicated people. It's good to see good things happen to good people," Harris said.

Faculty, students and administrators cheered the good news, "kind of gave a few high-fives and then we went right on to business again," Harris said.

Belknap Elementary School, which is in the Beaver County School District, is a data-driven school that focuses on the individual child and develops curriculum and instruction based on the strengths and needs of each student, the profile states.

All students K-3 take home a book on their reading level each night. Their reading is monitored and recorded by parents and the school. Every student in grades 3-6 have Chromebooks to use at school and home during the school year to assist in learning math, English language arts and science concepts.

### **Hawthorne Elementary**



Hawthorne Elementary School. Photo: Google Maps

[Hawthorne Elementary School](#), which is a neighborhood school, has a gifted and talented program and a Curriculum and Assessment Lab, which researches and develops interactive teaching practices. The Salt Lake City School District School, has a focused mission: (to) provide excellence and equity for all students in an environment of academic growth, personal achievement and diversity," said Principal Marian Broadhead in a prepared statement.

"We believe that shared leadership, mutual respect and support among teachers, parents, community volunteers and administrators profoundly impact our students' achievement. Student success is our top priority," Broadhead said.

Hawthorne has a diverse student body in terms of income, languages spoken and academic proficiency. Nearly one-quarter of Hawthorne students live in poverty, and 10 percent are English language learners, speaking 12 languages including Arabic, Korean, Spanish and Urdu.

### **Peruvian Park Elementary**



Peruvian Park Elementary School. Photo: Google Maps

[Peruvian Park Elementary School](#), which is in the Canyons School District, has two distinct learning programs: general education and gifted/talented.

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"We empower students to build their own success through character, confidence and academics. All students in the school identify individual learning goals, track progress, and celebrate their strengths and progress as a united school community," the school's profile states.

With high expectations and perseverance, Peruvian Park's general education classes doubled the percentage of students who achieved proficiency on state exams while students in its gifted/talented program gained a steady increase in proficiency.

"We continue to build students as individuals, to learn as professionals, to stay committed to strong relationships with parents, and to implement high-yielding practices that best meet the needs of the unique learners at our school," the profile states.